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Barry F. Lowenkron was sworn-in as the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor (DRL) on October 14, 2005. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Lowenkron served as Principal Deputy Director of Policy Planning for the Department of State. From 1993 to 2002 he held a variety of positions in the Intelligence Community, including National Intelligence Officer for Europe, Director of the National Intelligence Council's Analytic Staff, and Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence. Mr. Lowenkron served two tours as Director of European Security Affairs on the National Security Council (1988-89, 1991-93), and as Civilian Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff where he received the Secretary of Defense Meritorious Civilian Service medal. He spent 5 years as a member of the Policy Planning Staff under Secretary of State George Shultz. Prior to joining the State Department, Mr. Lowenkron was a program development officer at the United States Information Agency.

Mr. Lowenkron currently is on leave from the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies of the Johns Hopkins University, where he has been an adjunct lecturer in American Foreign Policy since 1979. He has been a Ford Foundation Fellow on Arms Control and Eastern Europe and a Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow. Mr. Lowenkron is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Lowenkron received his M.A. with distinction in 1977 from the Nitze School of Advanced International studies, and his B.A. with high honors in 1973 from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts.